

REMARKS

A three-month extension of time is submitted herewith. If the extension is missing, please consider this paper to be a request for such extension and deduct any required fee from deposit account 10-1205.

Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to correct their dependency to depend from claim 23. Claim 25 has also been amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 12 has been amended to cure an antecedent basis error. Likewise, claim 1, 16, and 27 have been amended to correct grammatical errors by changing the phrase "an fill port" to "a fill port." No new matter is added.

Claims 1-28 were rejected under §103(a) based on Forsman et al. in view of Bond and further in view of Bourget for the reasons stated in the office action.

The rejection is premised upon Bond showing a fluorinated rubber composite. The examiner points to column 2, lines 1-10 and 45-55 in Bond. These passages in Bond, however, are devoid of any mention of fluorinated rubber composite.

Instead, Bond reads:

One such laminate, which is in common use, consists of one or more layers of ethyl vinyl acetate copolymer and a barrier layer or film of metalized polyester. Many other barriers are used, such as foil, polysaran, metalized nylon, or polyester.

(Column 2, lines 5-9.) The list of layers at column 2, lines 48-50 reads the same:

Thus, it may be a metalized polyester, polyvinyladine [sic] chloride, metalized nylon, metal film, etc.

Note that polyvinylidene chloride is a component of "polysaran." Saran does not contain fluorinated rubber. Bond is thus silent with respect to fluorinated rubber.

Because of this clear omission in Bond, applicant will not address any further errors in the rejection. Applicant reserves the right to submit additional remarks.

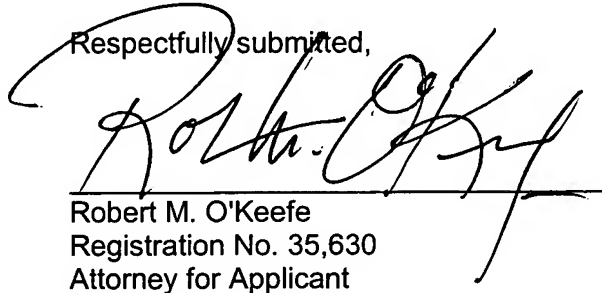
In view of the foregoing, the rejection of claims 1-28 is incorrect and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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